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## Richard Herrmann and Williamson Murray

"Iran: Is There a Case for War?"

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

6 p.m. (with meet & greet at 5:45 p.m.)

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Richard Herrmann is Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at The Ohio State University. He directed the Mershon Center for International Security Studies from 2002-10.

Herrmann has written widely on security affairs, international relations and foreign policy. He is author or editor of three books, including:

- *Transnational Identities: Becoming European in the EU* (edited with Thomas Risse and Marilynn Brewer) (2004)
- *Ending the Cold War: Interpretations, Causation and the Study of International Relations* (edited with Richard Ned Lebow) (2004)
- *Perceptions and Behavior in Soviet Foreign Policy* (1985)

Herrmann has also published more than 30 articles and book chapters. His work has appeared in such journals as *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*, *International Security* and *World Politics*. From 1990-95, he was co-editor of *International Studies Quarterly*, the flagship journal of the International Studies Association.

Besides his scholarship, Herrmann also has a wealth of practical experience. From 1989-91, he was a member of Secretary of State James Baker's policy planning staff at the U.S. Department of State. From 1992-95, he worked with the U.S. Information Agency to hold conflict resolution workshops for scholars and policy-makers from India, Pakistan, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Algeria, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the United States. And in 1996-97 he was a



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Herrmann received the [Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service](#) in 2008 and was named Joan N. Huber Faculty Fellow in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences from 2007-10. He received a National Science Foundation grant for "Understanding Global Tensions: A Sociology and Political Science Workshop," with Katherine Meyer in 2004. Herrmann is also the recipient of fellowships from the Harriman Institute, Ford Foundation, and Mellon Foundation.

**Williamson Murray** is a Minerva Fellow at the U.S. Naval War College and professor emeritus of history at The Ohio State University. He studies military and diplomatic history and is currently working on a number projects related to operational history of the Civil War, study of the Iran-Iraq War, and hybrid warfare.

Murray has taught at several academic and military institutions, including the United States Military Academy, the Air War College, and Yale University, where he received his PhD in military-diplomatic history, working under Hans Gatzke and Donald Kagan. He joined The Ohio State University in 1977 as a military and diplomatic historian, and received the Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award in 1987. He took early retirement from Ohio State in 1995 as professor emeritus of history.

Throughout his career, he has held the positions of Secretary of the Navy Fellow at Navy War College, Centennial Visiting Professor at London School of Economics, Matthew C. Horner Professor of Military Theory at Marine Corps University, Charles Lindbergh Chair at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, and Harold K. Johnson Professor of Military History at the Army War College. He was also a consultant at the Institute of Defense Analyses, where he worked on the Iraqi Perspectives Project, and completed two years as the 1957 Distinguished Chair of Naval Heritage and History at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. In addition, Murray served five years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, including a tour in Southeast Asia with the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing.

Murray has written a wide selection of articles and books. He is author of *The Change in the European Balance of Power, 1938-1939, The Path to Ruin* (Princeton University Press, 1984); *Air War, 1914-1945* (Weidendeld and Nicholson: London, 1999); and [The Iraq War: A Military History](#) (Harvard University Press, 2003), written with Major General Robert Scales Jr.

Murray has also co-edited a number of books that explore historical implications for current military thinking, including: *Military Effectiveness* (Allen and Unwin, 1988; reissued by Cambridge University Press, 2010); *Calculations, Net Assessment and the Coming of World War II* (Free Press, 1992); [Military Innovations in the Interwar Period](#) (Cambridge University Press, 1998); [The Making of Strategy](#):

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[\*Rulers, States, and War\*](#) (Cambridge University Press, 1996); [\*The Dynamics of Military Revolution, 1300-2050\*](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2001); [\*The Past as Prologue: The Importance of History to the Military Profession\*](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2006); [\*The Making of Peace: Rulers, States, and the Aftermath of War\*](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2009); [\*Conflicting Currents: Japan and the United States\*](#) (Praeger, 2009); [\*The Shaping of Strategy: Policy, Diplomacy, and War\*](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2011); [\*War, Strategy, and Military Effectiveness\*](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2011); and [\*Military Adaptation in War: With Fear of Change\*](#) (2012).

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